

What can I do with a major in PSYCHOLOGY?

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES POSSESS:

- understanding of psychological and mental processes and their impacts
- knowledge of psychological theories to identify and facilitate healthy changes in individual and group behaviour
- excellent listening skills, and ability to communicate and empathize with others
- ability to apply scientific research methods to test, analyze and interpret human and animal behaviour

It is important to enhance and diversify your skills and knowledge with work, volunteer, research and field study experiences while in university.

EXAMPLES OF CAREER PATHS PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES HAVE PURSUED:

MacEwan University offers both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in psychology. Career paths for each vary slightly. Please see a career advisor for more information. The following is a non-exhaustive list of some examples:

DIRECT career paths: The skills and knowledge acquired in a psychology education are often required or considered an asset in the following positions.	LESS DIRECT career paths: The generic skills and knowledge obtained in a liberal arts or science education are pertinent in the following positions.	The following paths may require FURTHER STUDY or SPECIALIZED TRAINING* in addition to a Bachelor Arts in psychology.
Testing Technicians (Psychometrics) work under the direction of a psychologist to administer and interpret standardized psychological tests to patients.	Conference and Event Planners plan and coordinate all aspects of conferences, conventions, meetings or seminars for a variety of organizations. They work for businesses, professional associations, governments or independently.	Clinical Psychologists diagnose and treat emotional or adjustment problems in children, adults, families or groups. They work in health, education, government and private practices.
Community Service Counsellors appraise clients' needs and eligibility for specific services. They liaise with other social services agencies and refer clients when appropriate. They work for non-profit organizations or government.	Intake Coordinators provide initial assessment of clients' needs and suitability for services. They advocate on clients' behalf to ensure needs are addressed. They work for non-profit agencies or counseling practices.	Human Resources Managers guide and manage the overall provision of human resources services, policies and programs for an organization. They work for a variety of public and private organizations.
Learning Strategists/Advisors evaluate learning needs of clients with disabilities. They develop and implement educational strategies and accommodations. They work for educational institutions, government or non-profit agencies.	Marketing Specialists develop and implement marketing strategies and campaigns for a variety of private and public organizations.	Instructional Designers work with subject matter experts to develop and design effective learning experiences for learners. They work for educational institutions, consulting firms or independently.
Special Needs Coordinators provide information, support and referral services to families and institutions involved in the care of children with special needs. They work for non-profit or public organizations that are dedicated to the special needs population.	Program Coordinators plan and coordinate educational or recreational programs for youth. They work in non-profit or public organizations and agencies.	Addictions Counsellors help individuals, families and communities identify and deal with addictions through treatment and prevention programs. They work for public agencies, community programs or in the criminal justice system.
Victims Advocates provide mental and emotional support, information and referral services to victims of crime. They work for police forces or government agencies.	Pharmaceutical Sales Representatives present information and promote pharmaceutical products to medical professionals. They work for sales or pharmaceutical companies.	<i>*NOTE: Qualifications for similar jobs might vary depending on the employer. Try checking with the employer(s) you're interested in working for to see what they require and recommend in terms of education and/or experience.</i>

WANT MORE INFORMATION? CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

Available in MacEwan University Libraries:

- Careers in Psychology: Opportunities in a Changing World
- Career Paths in Psychology: Where Your Degree Can Take You
- Finding Jobs with a Psychology Bachelor's Degree: Expert Advice for Launching Your Career
- Life as a Psychologist: Career Choices and Insights
- Majoring in Psych?: Career Options for Psychology Graduates
- Opportunities in Forensic Science Careers
- Opportunities in Psychology Careers
- The Psychology Major: Career Options and Strategies for Success
- What to Do with Your Psychology Degree: The Essential Career Guide for Psychology Graduates
- Preparing for Your Career with a Psychology De

ONLINE:

- Alberta Council of Disability Services: www.bridgetocare.org
- Alberta Health Services - Careers: albertahealthservices.ca/careers
- Alberta Police Based Victim Services Association: victimservicesalberta.com
- Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment: capda.ca
- Canadian Psychological Association: cpa.ca
- Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science: csbbcs.org
- CharityVillage – opportunities and resources in Canadian non-profit sector: charityvillage.com
- College of Alberta Psychologists: cap.ab.ca
- Psychologists' Association of Alberta: psychologistsassociation.ab.ca
- American Psychological Association: apa.org

WANT TO DISCUSS YOUR OPTIONS WITH SOMEONE?

- Book an appointment with a [career advisor in the C&E office](#)
- Talk to a [psychology discipline advisor](#)

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